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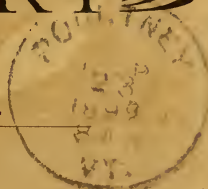
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Auditors' Report.

The auditors have examined the accounts of the several officers of the town and find the financial condition of the town to be as follows:

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury,	\$958 88
Due from T. O'Leary, collector,	4 51
Due from O. J. Gates, collector,	311 83
Liquors on hand,	236 50
Due from rent school lands,	208 24
Due from rent town farm, about	100 00
Interest in hands trustee,	298 33
Tuitions due,	30 00
Notes and town orders in hands of trustee,	1,263 52
Town farm and property thereon, estimated,	6,000 00
	\$9,411 81

LIABILITIES.

Selectmen's orders outstanding,	\$8,260 12
Interest accrued, estimated,	100 00
Overseer's orders outstanding,	37 65
Highway orders outstanding,	42 82
Amount required to support schools to April	
1, 1899,	900 00
Unsettled claims, estimated,	800 00
Due U. S. surplus fund,	6,100 68
	\$16,241 27
Excess of liabilities over resources,	
	\$6,829 46

Of outstanding orders, eight draw interest at five per cent as follows:

No. 68 of 1891, held by Wm. Nathaniel, trustee,	\$629 76
17 of 1892, " " " "	500 00
95 of 1898, " Mrs. C. A. Rann,	2,000 00
96 of 1898, " D. A. Evarts' estate,	675 00
163 of 1898, " First National Bank,	500 00
177 of 1898, " " " "	1,000 00
188 of 1898, " " " "	500 00
202 of 1898, " " " "	800 00
209 of 1898, " " " "	700 00

And one at six per cent.

Order No. 153 of 1898, held by E. M. Bixby,	\$500 00
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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 14, 1898,	\$1,280 78
Cash from rent school lands,	149 26
" taxes,	15,053 20
" collector,	475 80
" school directors, sale S. P. school house,	238 00
" trustees,	9 80
" Huntington fund,	115 50
" town liquor agent,	1,119 39
" money borrowed,	12,200 00
" trustee surplus fund,	298 33
" state school tax,	665 62
" state highway tax,	462 61
" dog licenses,	192 70
" from N. Burdick, account new road,	10 00
" F. Farwell, account new road,	10 00
" J. J. McDonald, account new road,	10 00
" cows sold from farm,	16 00
" bridge plank sold,	1 00
" fine and costs, David Leonard,	7 05
	\$32,315 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Selectmen's orders paid,	\$15,727 81
Interest on same paid,	286 12
Overseer's orders paid,	1,167 05
Highway commissioners' orders paid,	2,821 70
Library trustees' orders paid,	600 00
School directors' orders paid,	8,843 18
Returns births and deaths,	16 50
State school tax,	605 93
State highway tax,	605 93
Justice orders,	15 42
County tax,	60 59
State tax,	605 93
Cash on hand Feb. 14, 1899,	858 88
	\$32,315 04

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

Orders drawn by selectmen since last report :
1898.

Feb.	16	Ripley Lumber Co., lumber for bridges,	\$24 56
		Jno. Reagan, erroneous taxes,	2 70
	19	Wm. Baker, use watering trough,	3 00
	23	P. G. Ross, postage on town reports,	6 00
	26	R. J. Humphrey, printing town reports,	30 60
		W. H. Rowland, making returns births, etc.,	10 70
		O. J. Gates, killing dogs,	2 00
		O. J. Gates, cleaning lockup,	1 25
		J. F. Lewis, lighting street lamp,	3 00
		F. S. Platt, legal services,	26 50
March	1	M. J. Horton, services as treasurer,	91 88
		M. Costello, services as auditor, etc.,	17 00
		W. H. Lloyd, services as auditor, etc.,	15 00
		A. Herrick, services as selectman,	75 00
		M. J. Jones, services as selectman,	75 00
		I. G. Bliss, services as selectman,	65 00
		F. S. Platt, services as lister, etc.,	85 00

March	1	Thos. J. Roberts, services as school director,	\$25 00
		J. H. Marshall, services as lister,	45 00
		H. R. Williams, services as lister,	45 00
		J. A. Benedict, services as overseer,	100 00
		Wm. Nathaniel, services as school director,	
		etc.,	80 00
		First National Bank, money borrowed,	1,500 00
	12	H. M. Ruggles, lot for town hall,	105 00
		R. J. Humphrey, printing 1,000 Rep. town meeting tickets,	4 00
		R. J. Humphrey, printing 1,000 school directors' tickets,	1 00
		R. J. Humphrey, printing 1,000 overseer tickets,	1 00
		R. J. Humphrey, printing for town,	4 75
	30	Geo. B. Boyce, 2 cows for town farm,	56 00
April	4	First National Bank, money borrowed,	1,500 00
	12	Ira G. Farnham, liquor agency,	15 33
	25	E. K. Smith, returns deaths, etc.,	2 40
	26	Tuttle Company, blank books,	1 75
	28	Fire district No. 1, 3 watering troughs,	15 00
May	6	First National Bank, money borrowed,	800 00
	7	Fred Howard, work on bridge,	5 00
		Wm. Burns, balance account town farm,	30 00
		W. W. Dayton, lumber for bridge,	2 00
	9	W. H. Rowland, making reports,	20 00
		T. J. Roberts, making reports,	31 92
	10	Adams & Taylor, liquor agency,	33 25
		First National Bank, money borrowed,	1,000 00
		A. W. Balch & Co., liquor agency,	34 56
		H. A. Blanchard, liquor agency,	96 23
		A. W. Balch & Co., liquor agency,	27 00
		McLellan & Donnelly, liquor agency,	10 00
	13	Thos. McLaughling, work on bridge,	2 00
	18	McLellan & Donnelly, liquor agency,	26 25
	30	F. S. Platt, making tax bills,	20 00
		E. M. Bixby, Memorial day expenses,	50 00

June	4	R. J. Humphrey, printing for treasurer,	\$12 50
		J. O'Brien, labor and material for bridge,	3 00
	9	First National Bank, money borrowed,	1,000 00
	10	First National Bank, " "	2,000 00
	18	Daniel Brennan, land damage, Brennan corner,	45 00
	20	First National Bank, money borrowed,	400 00
July	21	Hayner Distillery, liquor agency,	44 00
		A. W. Balch & Co., liquor agency,	112 64
		C. H. Lewis, watering trough,	3 00
	1	M. J. Horton, cash for agency license,	25 00
	5	McLellan & Donnelly, liquor agency,	20 00
	16	W. W. Hibbard, stationery,	1 00
		Fair Haven Electric Co., lighting bridges,	13 50
	25	A. W. Balch & Co., liquor agency,	33 72
		H. A. Blanchard & Co., liquor agency,	24 69
		Ripley Lumber Co., lumber highways and bridges,	118 13
August	11	R. R. Thrall, watering trough,	2 25
	23	Geo. Rogers, fencing highways,	11 50
Sept.	3	P. P. Ford, labor on bridges,	2 00
	5	W. E. Lloyd, doctoring Mrs. Cronin in Feb., 1898,	8 00
		Archie Ward, sign boards,	10 00
	6	Brennan & Mullen, road, Brennan corner,	40 00
		McLellan & Donnelly, liquor agency,	20 00
	7	Geo. Rogers, fencing highways,	22 50
	12	R. J. Humphrey, printing,	45 00
	17	D. M. Williams, labor on highway,	6 00
	24	A. E. Giddings, labor on cemetery,	3 00
	27	C. W. Cook, labor on bridge,	2 25
Oct.	1	E. K. Smith, medical attendance F. Colvin, in 1897,	7 50
		W. T. Carpenter, watering trough,	3 00
	5	Daniel Brennan, land damage, new road,	300 00
		O. J. Gates, expense freemen's meeting,	18 75
		O. J. Gates, killing dogs,	7 00

Oct.	5	O. J. Gates, lockup, expense,	\$2 00
	5	A. W. Balch & Co., liquor agency,	34 56
		E. M. Bixby, labor on highway and bridges,	40 42
	10	Thomas Griffith, land damage, new road,	440 00
		O. O. Conners, watering trough,	3 00
		Frank Cornish, labor on new road,	9 00
	13	J. R. Dewey, labor on bridge,	22 15
		Daniel Bethel, " "	5 00
		W. W. Fenton, " "	20 00
		Dewey & Co., goods for farm,	19 93
		Dewey & Co., material for bridges,	8 85
	14	G. S. Scribner, " "	3 90
		Ripley Lumber Co., material for bridges,	118 19
	15	James Moody, work, new road,	12 00
		C. Johnson, " "	19 50
		C. Dayton, " "	7 50
		C. Guilder, " "	6 00
		Frank Kilburn, " "	13 50
		David Williams, " "	9 00
		C. Cook, " "	37 50
		J. A. Herrick, labor, dugway,	1 00
		Patrick Carmody, new road,	20 00
		J. H. Kilburn, " "	11 25
		W. O. Hughes, " "	6 00
		J. G. Rouse, " "	13 05
		Edson Cone, " "	12 00
		David Howard, " "	6 00
		Fred Oakman, " "	3 75
		A. Brennan, " "	25 50
		Jerry O'Connell, labor highway,	9 00
		Robert Beebe, new road,	6 75
		Thos. Brennan, " "	22 50
		S. Munson " "	15 50
	17	Wallace Dayton, " "	9 00
		Frank Murray, " "	3 00
		Arthur Howard, " "	3 00
		D. A. Barker, " "	14 00

Oct.	17	J. Cunningham, new road,	\$3 00
		John R. Jones, "	26 25
	18	David Humphrey, "	6 00
	20	Ben. Whitton, "	33 50
	21	John Cunningham, "	5 25
		Robert Beebe, "	6 75
		Fred Oakman, "	6 75
	22	Edward Burch, "	16 50
		J. R. Jones, "	22 50
		Chas. Munson, "	18 75
		Frank Cornish, "	7 50
		Geo. Marshall, "	7 20
		Clark Guildler, "	7 50
		David Humphrey, "	7 50
		W. W. Fenton, "	38 50
		J. G. Rouse, "	7 50
		David M. Williams, "	6 00
		Patrick Carmody, "	6 00
	24	Wm. Johnson, "	3 75
	25	R. R. Thrall, "	24 25
		Fred Oakman, "	1 50
	26	Geo. Manchester, "	16 50
		F. W. Beebe, "	19 50
		John Manchester, "	6 00
		A. E. Cushman, insurance,	24 25
		B. VanGuilder, new road,	3 00
		Clark Guildler, "	1 50
	27	Alfred Simmons, "	7 50
		John Williams, "	1 50
		R. Cole, "	10 50
		J. Moody, "	14 00
	28	D. A. Barker, "	12 00
		Thomas Brennan, "	15 00
		Rollin Parker, "	9 00
	29	Frank Cornish, "	9 37
		John J. Owens, "	16 80
		James L. Dean, "	16 50

Oct.	29	David Humphrey, new road,	\$1 50
		J. G. Rouse, " "	5 32
	31	Rollin Ward, " "	20 25
Nov.	3	A. W. Balch & Co., liquor for agency,	113 95
		McLellan & Donnelly, liquor for agency,	10 00
	8	A. Brennan, new road,	9 50
	11	W. Bethel, " "	10 00
		John R. Jones, " "	21 00
	12	Daniel Brennan, " "	5 00
	15	E. M. Bixby, money loaned town,	500 00
	16	A. J. Rogers, work, new road,	84 00
		A. J. Rogers, work, highways,	8 10
		C. E. Scott, new road,	12 00
	19	E. M. Bixby, " "	38 74
		E. M. Bixby, material for highway,	29 49
		George Rogers, wire fence, highway,	46 00
		Auld & Conger, new road,	15 60
		J. H. Kilburn, work highway,	3 30
	21	John Dalton, work highway,	3 00
	23	Morning Star Lodge, use town hall, '97 and '98,	50 00
		E. D. Johnson, work highway,	13 00
		First National Bank, money borrowed,	500 00
	25	H. A. Blanchard & Co., goods for agency,	29 45
	26	O. J. Gates, paid for examination Becket case, insane,	5 00
		John Mack, material and labor, bridges,	6 00
		George Winchell, new road,	17 50
		A. B. Ward, material for bridge,	5 87
		A. B. Ward, material for cemeteries,	2 00
		Patrick Brayton, new road,	7 50
	28	R. J. Humphrey, printing,	5 50
		John Angevine, highway,	5 50
		E. H. Randall, survey cemeteries,	21 35
		E. H. Randall, survey Brennan's corner,	4 00
		E. H. Randall, survey new road,	5 00
	30	Lewis Roberts, work highway,	4 50

Dec.	1	A. D. French, material and work highway,	\$13 00
	2	Ripley Lumber Co., material for bridges,	62 33
	5	C. S. Lewis, material and labor bridges,	3 66
	15	First National Bank, Poultney, money borrowed,	1.000 00
		M. J. Horton & Son, material for highways,	25 76
	16	W. W. Fenton, material for bridges, 1897,	9 50
		W. W. Fenton, material and labor for bridges, 1898,	10 00
		A. W. Balch & Co., liquor for agency,	78 10
		Chas. Ripley, material for highways,	14 00
		O. J. Gates, tax for town farm,	38 60
	17	John Driscoll, labor and material highways,	13 00
		John Driscoll, " " bridges,	10 15
		Dwight Smith, labor, bridge,	3 00
		E. Keily, damage under dog law,	19 00
		Mrs. E. H. Chapin, labor, highway,	9 75
	20	John Kennedy, damage under dog law,	28 00
		First National Bank, Poultney, money borrowed,	500 00
	21	L. C. Spalding, damage under dog law,	10 00
		Geo. Boyce, " " "	12 00
	22	Frank Cassidy, " " "	5 00
		Matt O'Brien, " " "	16 00
		Arthur Ward, " " "	4 00
		E. J. Boyce, material for highway,	19 50
		G. M. Herrick, wall paper, town farm,	1 10
	26	O. A. Dewey, labor, highway,	1 50
	28	J. L. Dean, labor, highway,	3 00
	31	E. M. Bixby, town farm,	8 95
		E. M. Bixby, dog law,	2 50
		E. M. Bixby, probate, office, Becket insane case,	8 00
		E. M. Bixby moving booths,	2 00
		John Burns, labor on bridges,	5 00

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Jan.	12	Asa Marshall, watering trough,	\$3 00
		Mrs. S. A. Rann, interest, town order,	100 00
	20	First National Bank, Poultney, money borrowed,	800 00
		Tuttle Co., printing,	3 30
	28	Fair Haven Electric Co., light for bridges,	13 50
		McLellan & Donnelly, goods for agency,	10 00
		G. B. Lowerre, goods for agency,	81 20
Feb.	1	E. Ellis, examination insane case,	10 00
	2	E. K. Smith, Morris family, 1897,	13 00
	6	First National Bank, Poultney, money borrowed	700 00
	10	J. O. Keefe, material for bridges,	6 45
		C. E. Rogers, killing dogs,	4 00
		Deweys & Co., nails for farm,	30
		Deweys & Co., cemeteries,	4 45
		Deweys & Co., material for bridges,	2 92
		McLaughlin & J. Cassidy, material, bridges,	8 50
		T. O'Leary, irons for guide boards,	2 25
		E. K. Smith, returns of births and deaths,	3 30
	11	C. W. Humphrey, freight, etc., agency,	10 12
	13	Amos J. Rogers, expense under dog law,	2 25
	14	Wm. Nathaniel, trustee, interest on surplus fund,	298 33
		C. W. Humphrey, salary, liquor agent,	86 11
		C. W. Humphrey, balance paid for freight,	4 75

Total amount orders drawn by the selectmen, \$17,768 08

The orders drawn by the selectmen were for the following purposes:

Highways and bridges,	\$847 73
Insurance,	24 25
Insane,	23 00
Interest,	100 00
Interest on surplus fund,	298 33
Lockup,	3 25

Legal services,	\$26 50
Printing tickets, town meeting, 1898,	6 00
Town farm,	154 88
Making tax bill,	20 00
Memorial day,	50 00
Tax error,	2 70
Postage, town reports,	6 00
Printing,	104 40
Statistics,	68 32
Under dog law,	111 55
To settle old doctors bills for poor,	28 50
Cemeteries, ,	30 80
Use of town hall 2 years,	50 00
Election expenses,	20 75
New roads,	1,786 33
Liquor agency,	980 91
Town hall lot,	105 00
Town officers,	718 88
Money borrowed,	12,200 00
	\$17,768 08

The cost of erecting guards and sign boards on the highway, amounting to about \$190, is included in the \$847.73 expended for highways and bridges.

OVERSEER'S ORDERS.

Orders drawn by J. A. Benedict after last auditors' report and prior to annual town meeting in March, 1898:

1898.

Feb. 28	Ira G. Farnham, medicine for Cronin family,	\$1 00
	Jones & Thomas, aid Evan W. Evans,	2 10
	Geo. M. Herrick, goods for town farm,	2 12
	Ripley Lumber Co., aid E. Patrick,	1 50
	Ripley Lumber Co., aid John R. Jones,	1 00
	A. E. Horton, doctoring P. Pendergast,	5 00

Feb.	28	M. J. Horton & Son, aid John R. Jones,	\$1 00
		S. Sherman & Son, coal for Mrs. Hoyt,	6 15
		F. E. Hawes, aid John R. Jones,	2 47
		Thos. Edwards estate, rent Cronin family,	10 00
		P. Brennan estate, aid P. Pendergast,	83
		P. Brennan estate, aid Philip Brennan,	3 25
		P. Brennan estate, aid J. R. Jones,	10 00
		P. Brennan estate, aid Mrs. John Gilman,	4 60
		P. Brennan estate, aid Mrs. Hoyt,	24 94
		O. J. Gates, care of tramps,	2 00
		C. H. Lewis, aid John R. Jones,	4 00
Total amount orders drawn by J. A. Benedict,			\$81 96
Orders drawn by D. O. Jones, overseer:			
1898.			
April	2	T. T. Jones, aid John R. Jones,	\$5 82
		T. T. Jones, aid J. J. Roberts children,	9 05
		T. T. Jones, aid Albert Oliver,	50
		F. B. Barrett, aid Cronin family,	4 12
		Star Clothing Store, aid J. J. Roberts children,	10 60
		Jones & Thomas, aid Cronin family,	3 30
		F. E. Hawes, aid John R. Jones,	2 26
		P. Brennan estate, aid Mrs. Gilman,	12 00
	8	E. H. Pelkey, aid Albert Oliver,	2 00
	13	C. E. Barnes, aid John R. Jones,	1 00
	21	Jane Roberts, aid Cronin family,	20 53
		Wm. Nathaniel, aid C. Beals,	15 00
	30	E. H. Pelkey, aid Albert Oliver,	5 50
May	3	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	8 00
	5	Mrs. T. H. Bryan, rent for Mrs. Gates,	9 00
		James B. Carrigan, burial Mrs. J. J. Roberts,	25 00
	21	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	2 00
June	1	Wm. Hogan, aid P. Pendergast,	13 00
	21	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	5 00
July	1	Jane Roberts, aid Mrs. Wm. Ap. Williams,	8 00
	6	Wm. Nathaniel, aid C. Beals,	15 00

July	6	H. D. Scott, aid Mrs. Gilman,	\$6 00
		G. M. Herrick, aid Cronin family,	5 45
		Jones & Thomas, aid Cronin family,	5 75
		Jones & Thomas, aid Owen Parry,	10 06
		J. B. Carrigan, burial Wm. Ap. Williams,	25 00
		Star Clothing Store, aid Geo. Marshall,	1 75
		Deweys & Co., aid Geo. Marshall,	3 04
		F. B. Barrett, aid Albert Oliver,	15
		F. B. Barrett, aid Cronin family,	75
		John O. Keefe, aid Mrs. Gilman,	2 00
	25	Jane Roberts, aid Cronin family,	5 05
		Mrs. P. Brennan, aid Cronin family,	1 70
		Mrs. P. Brennan, aid Mrs. Gilman,	8 00
August		Mrs. P. Brennan, aid Philip Brennan,	14 68
	3	Jane Roberts, aid Mrs. Wm. Ap. Williams,	8 00
	5	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	5 00
	17	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	2 00
	30	Jones & Thomas, aid Owen Parry,	15 03
Sept.		Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	5 00
	5	Jane Roberts, aid Mrs. Wm. Ap. Williams,	8 00
	10	J. B. Carrigan, burial Cunningham boy,	20 00
		Chas. Ripley, aid Mrs. Gilman,	12 00
		C. H. Cary, aid Cunningham boy,	6 64
	12	Jane Roberts, aid Cronin family,	1 76
	14	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	5 00
	30	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	5 00
Oct.	1	Jane Roberts, aid Mrs. Wm. A. Williams,	8 00
		Jane Roberts, aid J. J. Roberts,	12 13
	5	O. E. & M. B. Carvey, aid Mrs. Burke,	1 75
		O. E. & M. B. Carvey, aid Cronin family,	7 17
		Jones & Thomas, aid Owen Parry,	10 00
		T. T. Jones, aid Cronin family,	4 79
		Thos. Edwards estate, aid Cronin family,	23 00
		C. W. Humphrey, aid John Gilman,	2 50
		F. H. Hyde, aid John Cunningham,	2 41
	7	M. J. Horton & Son, aid D. M. Williams,	2 51
		M. J. Horton & Son, aid Cronin family,	3 75

Oct.	7	M. J. Horton & Son, aid Mrs. Gilman,	\$1 98
	12	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	4 00
	13	J. J. Owens, aid Cronin children,	24 00
	26	Wm. Nathaniel, aid C. Beals,	15 00
	28	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	9 00
Nov.	1	Jane Roberts, aid Mrs. Wm. Ap. Williams, Wm. Hogan, aid P. Pendergast,	8 00 22 00
	3	Deweys & Co., aid P. Pendergast, P. Brennan estate, aid Phil. Brennan, P. Brennan estate, aid Mrs. Gilman,	2 35 1 40 12 23
	9	S. T. Jones, aid Mrs. John J. Roberts,	8 00
	10	J. J. Owens, aid Cronin children, D. C. Sherman, aid H. Babcock, D. C. Sherman, aid John Gilman, Jones & Thomas, aid Owen Parry,	24 50 3 25 2 95 10 40
	11	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	6 00
Dec.	2	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	7 00
	3	Jane Roberts, aid Mrs. Wm. Ap. Williams,	8 00
	5	Ripley Lumber Co., aid John Cunningham, Chas. Ripley, aid Mrs. Gilman,	1 50 12 00
	7	O. J. Gates, taking Cronin girl to Vergennes, H. L. Clark, probate fees, same matter, D. C. Sherman, aid P. Pendergast, Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	12 75 4 75 4 00 3 00
	8	J. J. Owens, aid Cronin children, Deweys & Co., aid P. Pendergast, Deweys & Co., aid Hoyt girl,	25 70 7 75 1 73
	12	E. M. Bixby, aid Cronin family, E. M. Bixby, aid J. J. Roberts, E. M. Bixby, aid John Cunningham, D. O. Jones, cash for Mrs. Gilman, D. O. Jones, cash for P. Pendergast, D. O. Jones, cash for Mrs. Burke, D. O. Jones, cash for Hoyt girl, D. O. Jones, cash for Mrs. Robt. Williams, D. O. Jones, cash for John I. Roberts, D. O. Jones, cash for Mrs. Becket,	2 75 6 25 4 50 3 00 25 1 00 50 2 50 1 00 40

Dec.	12	D. O. Jones, cash for account book,	\$ 60
		D. O. Jones, care of tramps,	10 00
	15	F. H. Hyde, aid Wm. H. Williams,	3 09
		F. H. Hyde, aid Mrs. Burke,	3 53
		F. H. Hyde, aid John Cunningham,	4 53
	17	Jones & Thomas, aid Owen Parry,	10 00
	24	C. H. Lewis, aid Mrs. J. J. Roberts,	2 60
	26	T. O'Leary, aid Mrs. Burke,	2 00
	30	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	10 00
	31	Geo. M. Herrick, aid John Cunningham	3 76
		J. B. Carrigan, aid Mrs. Burke,	3 50
		F. H. Hyde, aid John Cunningham,	3 18
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Jan.	2	J. A. Benedict, aid Mrs. Gilman,	8 00
	3	Jane Roberts, aid Mrs. Wm. Ap. Williams,	8 00
		Wm. Nathaniel, rent to Jan. 1, C. Beals,	15 00
	5	J. J. Owens, aid Cronin children,	24 00
		J. J. Owens, stove for farm,	2 00
	6	Jones & Thomas, aid Owen Parry,	10 12
	14	Thos. Hall, aid Mrs. Burke,	6 00
	31	Jane Roberts, aid Mrs. Wm. Ap. Williams,	8 00
Feb.	2	J. J. Owens, aid Cronin children,	24 00
	4	Star Clothing Store, aid Cronin children,	2 00
		H. D. Scott, aid Mrs. Burke,	2 35
		F. H. Hyde, aid Morris G. Morris,	1 90
		E. M. Bixby, aid Lewis Roberts,	6 75
		E. M. Bixby, aid Peter Wood,	3 00
		E. M. Bixby, aid Morris G. Morris,	7 00
		E. M. Bixby, aid Wm. Hughes,	6 50
		O. J. Gates, keeping tramps,	2 50
		T. T. Jones, aid Hoyt family,	1 84
		T. T. Jones, aid Cronin children,	2 91
		T. T. Jones, aid Mrs. Burke,	2 60
		T. T. Jones, aid Peter Wood,	1 45
		F. B. Barrett, aid Mrs. Burke,	11 12
		F. B. Barrett, aid Cronin children,	6 60
		S. Sherman & Son, aid Wm. H. Williams,	5 50

Feb.	4	S. Sherman & Son, aid John Cunningham,	\$6 00
		S. Sherman & Son, aid Mrs. Hoyt,	11 50
		S. Sherman & Son, aid Mrs. Gilman,	1 00
		M. J. Horton, aid Mrs. Gilman,	6 55
		M. J. Horton, aid Peter Wood,	4 70
		P. Brennan estate, aid John Cunningham,	3 12
	6	P. Brennan estate, aid Philip Brennan,	7 36
		G. F. Rial, aid Wm. Ap. Williams,	5 00
		C. W. Humphrey, aid L. Johnson,	50
		C. W. Humphrey, aid Morris G. Morris,	25
	8	J. O. Keefe, aid John Gilman,	60
	10	Mary Hoyt, aid Hoyt family,	12 00
		John McNierney, aid H. Babcock,	12 00
		F. H. Hyde, aid Morris G. Morris,	1 40
		D. O. Jones, cash for Mrs. Gilman,	20
		D. O. Jones, cash for M. G. Morris,	1 40
		D. O. Jones, cash for Peter Wood,	3 00
		D. O. Jones, keeping tramps,	5 50

Total amount of orders drawn by D. O. Jones, overseer, \$1,010 90

The amount expended for poor is as follows :

Orders drawn by J. A. Benedict,	\$81 96
Orders drawn by D. O. Jones,	1,010 90
Orders drawn by selectmen for farm,	154 88
Orders drawn by selectmen to pay old bill for medical attendance,	28 50
	\$1,276 24

March 15 There will be due for medical attendance
for poor during year, \$87 50

The item of \$28.50, most of the items of \$81.96 and \$154.88 should not be charged to the poor expenses of the past year.

Mr. Jones furnished aid as follows :

To John R. Jones,	\$9 08
Cronin children,	136 77
Geo. Marshall,	4 79
Cronin family,	86 81

To Meeker Hoyt,	\$49 00
Mrs. Hoyt,	11 50
Mrs. John Gilman,	81 76
P. Pendergast,	49 35
Henry Babcock,	15 25
Philip Brennan,	23 44
Hoyt girl,	43 07
Owen Parry,	65 61
John Cunningham,	55 64
Mrs. Robt. Williams,	2 50
Mrs. John J. Roberts,	29 98
D. M. Williams,	2 51
Morris G. Morris,	11 95
Mrs. A. Burke,	33 85
Tramps,	18 00
John J. Roberts' children,	44 65
Cronin girl,	17 50
Albert Oliver,	8 15
Chas. Beals,	60 00
Mrs. Polly Gates,	9 00
Mrs. W. Ap. Williams,	94 00
John Gilman,	9 25
Mrs. Becket,	40
Book, account,	60
Wm. H. Williams,	8 59
Lewis Roberts,	6 75
Peter Wood,	12 15
Wm. Hughes,	6 50
Town farm,	2 00
L. Johnson,	50
	\$1,010 90

The orders were drawn in favor of the following parties for goods furnished:

Thos. T. Jones,	\$28 96
F. E. Hawes,	2 26
F. B. Barrett,	22 74

Jones & Thomas,	74 66
Mary Hoyt,	88 00
Wm. Hogan,	35 00
Geo. M. Herrick,	9 21
O. E. & M. B. Carvay,	8 92
E. M. Bixby,	36 75
Jno. J. Owens,	124 20
D. O. Jones,	29 35
Mrs. Jane Roberts,	103 47
Star Clothing Store,	14 35
P. Brennan estate,	60 49
E. H. Pelkey,	7 50
C. E. Barnes,	1 00
Wm. Nathaniel,	60 00
J. B. Carrigan,	73 50
Mrs. T. H. Bryan,	9 00
Deweys & Co.,	14 87
John O. Keefe,	2 60
Chas. H. Cary,	6 64
H. D. Scott,	8 35
Chas. Ripley,	24 00
C. W. Humphrey,	3 25
F. H. Hyde,	20 04
Thos. Edwards estate,	23 00
M. J. Horton & Son,	19 49
S. T. Jones,	8 00
D. C. Sherman,	10 20
Ripley Lumber Co.,	1 50
O. J. Gates,	15 25
H. L. Clark,	4 75
C. H. Lewis,	2 60
T. O'Leary,	2 00
J. A. Benedict,	8 00
Thos. Hall,	6 00
S. Sherman & Son,	24 00
G. F. Rial,	5 00
J. McNierney,	12 00

\$1,010 90

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS.

Orders drawn by road commissioner since last report.

1898.

Feb.	17	C. C. Beaman, labor highway,	\$15 00
		H. G. Stone, "	3 00
	18	D. Bree, "	2 40
		James Butler, "	4 50
	19	E. Cone, "	2 10
		M. M. Jones, "	1 00
		M. Cullen, "	1 25
		R. R. Thrall, "	1 50
		E. H. Pelkey, "	1 20
		C. VanGuilder, "	75
		Wm. Cogle, "	2 50
	23	T. C. Reed, "	2 90
March	4	E. McMannus, "	14 09
		James Bree, "	2 00
	7	Chas. Fenton, "	75
	10	Rufus McWithey, "	4 00
		W. H. Davis, "	11 85
		George Taggart, "	12 00
		John Kennedy, "	10 00
		Albert Oliver, "	3 30
	12	F. & S. Martin, "	8 00
		H. E. Miner, "	1 95
		John Peppler, "	5 00
	14	John Gorman, "	1 25
		George Haynes, "	2 45
		E. J. McCann, "	4 55
		J. F. Hanley, "	6 00
	15	Fred Spalding, "	3 35
		H. Ruggles estate, "	7 50
	16	Henry Petty, "	75
	19	J. A. Herrick, "	68
		P. E. Carmody, "	1 00
	22	A. V. Fisher, "	1 89

March	22	John O'Brien, labor highway,	\$15 00
	23	B. Whitton, breaking paths,	16 15
		B. Whitton, snowing bridge,	5 00
		J. H. Kilburn, labor highway,	5 00
		G. S. Scribner, "	2 00
	24	R. E. Payne, "	3 50
	26	D. G. Roberts, "	7 50
		John J. Mahar, "	4 00
		Peter Burns, "	1 75
	28	R. R. Thrall, "	1 00
	29	S. Mannes, snowing bridges,	10 00
	30	Thomas Evans, labor highway,	75
April	2	J. A. Benedict, "	4 05
		Miles Foley, "	3 25
	5	C. C. Beaman, "	4 75
	7	E. McMannus, "	18 38
	8	E. R. Edwards, "	75
	9	Mrs. J. Bree, "	1 60
		Chas. VanGuilder, "	11 75
		W. W. Heath, "	7 50
		Chas. Gates, "	24 50
		Walter Fenton, "	10 35
	12	John Mullin, "	3 00
	16	Chas. Beals, "	2 47
		W. W. Heath, "	5 50
		Chas. Gates, "	11 72
		Edwin Evans, "	1 88
		A. Brennan, "	18 00
		H. G. Stone, "	18 00
	23	H. G. Stone, "	8 00
	25	John Scott, "	38 25
		J. Kinney, "	5 10
	29	Jas. Moody, "	13 00
	30	J. VanGuilder, "	8 50
		E. J. Roberts, "	3 75
		W. W. Heath, "	3 00
May	6	C. Conway, "	8 15

May	7	H. G. Stone, labor highway,	\$8 00
	10	H. VanGuilder, "	1 20
	*	James Bree, "	8 50
		James Bree, material,	1 00
	12	F. W. Spalding, labor highway,	25 00
	13	H. R. Williams, "	1 50
		W. W. Heath, "	3 37
	14	J. VanGuilder, "	11 03
		J. Freeman, "	12 60
		H. G. Stone, material and labor highway,	19 60
		John L. Ray, labor highway,	3 00
	16	James Bree, "	8 00
		Chas. VanGuilder, "	18 60
		A. Brennan, "	32 10
	17	A. R. Rowell, "	3 55
	18	Chas. Porter, "	5 00
	19	Daniel Bethel, "	4 40
	21	P. Seymour, "	5 00
		J. VanGuilder, "	3 75
		A. Brennan, "	20 00
	23	H. G. Stone, "	20 00
	24	J. H. Kilburn, "	3 50
	27	F. H. Cassidy, "	6 00
		James Carmody, "	10 00
	28	Chas. VanGuilder, "	6 15
		H. G. Stone, "	9 42
June	4	J. VanGuilder, "	9 00
		Fred Oakman, "	2 00
		H. G. Stone, "	12 52
	11	J. VanGuilder, "	7 50
		W. W. Heath, "	4 50
		Chas. VanGuilder, "	13 50
		T. E. Carmody, "	2 10
		W. D. Ward, "	1 40
		H. G. Stone, "	20 00
		A. Brennan, "	36 00
	14	J. H. Kilburn, "	6 00

June	14	O. T. Kellogg, labor highway,	\$2 10
	15	Cyrenas Johnson, "	16 50
	18	F. W. Spalding, "	15 25
		James Brearton, "	2 00
	20	Wm. Hicks, "	1 50
	22	Ed. McMannus, "	28 00
		C. Conway, "	1 25
		Thomas Brennan, "	18 05
		R. R. Thrall, "	23 07
	25	Chas. VanGuilder, "	15 00
		C. W. Cook, "	22 88
	25	A. Brennan, "	34 00
		H. G. Stone, "	16 00
	30	Will Johnson, "	1 50
		F. H. Marshall, "	35 75
July	2	Thomas Griffin, "	7 00
		C. A. Gates, "	5 00
		D. H. Smith, "	3 50
		B. VanGuilder, "	5 00
		John O'Brien, "	16 25
		George Manchester, "	10 00
		Clark VanGuilder, "	5 00
		John O'Leary, "	1 00
	6	P. P. Ford, "	5 00
	8	John R. Jones, "	25 00
	9	Amos J. Rogers, "	36 40
		W. W. Broughton, "	28 90
		Mrs. John Bree, material for highway,	4 00
		Rollin L. Wilbur, labor highway,	20 55
	12	F. H. Cassidy, "	6 50
	13	John Scott, "	20 85
		Samuel Merchant, "	5 00
	16	E. Cone, "	1 50
		Horace Fenton, "	1 50
		A. Brennan, "	14 50
	28	John Mullin, "	8 00
August	2	J. C. McGuire, "	23 00

August	8	John Cassidy, labor highway,	\$5 00
		S. T. Jones, "	2 00
		James Carmody, "	7 00
	9	J. F. Hanley, "	5 00
		M. W. Moseley, repairs on machine,	8 00
	11	J. B. Williams, labor highway,	2 00
		Thomas Evans, "	10 00
	13	Wm. Cogle, "	6 50
		D. A. Barker, "	3 50
		Wm. Conway, "	8 50
	18	Clarence Dayton, "	2 85
		W. T. Healey, "	3 50
		Rufus McWithey, "	23 30
	19	Mrs. Chapin, "	10 50
		E. H. Pelkey, "	2 80
	20	John Dogan, "	27 50
	23	John A. Howe, "	7 00
	25	G. B. Boyce, "	51 35
	26	A. H. Cutting, "	5 00
	27	E. H. Pelkey, "	75
		David M. Williams, "	4 50
	29	Thomas Mahar, "	10 50
	30	Chas. Rogers, "	22 75
Sept.	6	George Haynes, "	8 75
		A. E. Giddings, "	12 00
		D. M. Williams, "	2 25
		E. Keily, "	35 00
	7	W. Baker, "	22 00
		J. Minogue, "	3 00
		F. P. Baker, "	12 10
		T. C. Reed, "	10 00
	10	C. L. Streeter, "	26 25
		John Kennedy, "	26 00
		H. G. Stone, "	10 50
		Walter Fenton, "	5 00
	12	R. L. Wilbur, "	4 50
	13	Geo. Kingsley, "	3 00

Sept.	16	M. M. Tuttle, storing road machine,	\$2 00
	17	Thomas Murphy, labor highway,	12 00
		Patrick Mahany, " "	20 25
		J. P. Seymour, " "	3 00
		D. H. Smith, " "	10 00
		P. Carimody, " "	3 00
		W. Hughes, " "	7 50
		F. Oakman, " "	4 50
		J. E. Freeman, " "	12 25
	19	R. R. Thrall, " "	8 40
	20	F. E. Hawes, " "	15 00
	21	R. S. Gatter, " "	3 00
		Seward Munson, " "	3 00
	22	E. Marshall, " "	17 00
	24	D. M. Williams, " "	75
	26	Hugh Clark, " "	2 25
		P. J. Griffith, " "	24 50
		Ben Whitten, " "	8 75
		S. Sherman & Son, " "	12 25
	28	A. Brennan, " "	7 00
	29	J. Moulton, " "	3 00
		J. Bethel, " "	10 00
	30	F. L. French, " "	4 50
		Joe VanGuilder, " "	3 00
		T. O'Leary, material and labor highway,	5 80
Oct.	1	Wm. Hogan, labor highway,	19 50
		A. M. Allen, material and labor highway,	17 52
	3	T. J. Roberts, labor highway,	35 77
	4	Farnham Bros., " "	23 25
		J. W. Woodard, " "	3 00
	5	Rollin Ward, " "	3 00
		John Driscoll, material and labor highway,	15 00
		Albert Kilborn, labor highway,	2 63
	8	Wm. Burns, " "	7 50
		C. S. Lewis, " "	29 85
		Ira Stevens, " "	13 50
		Thomas Penders, " "	4 50

Oct.	10	Thomas McLaughlin, labor highway,	\$7 50
		W. W. Martin, "	10 50
		Joseph Mears, material,	12 00
	11	C. H. Goodspeed, labor highway,	7 75
		J. E. Freeman, "	5 50
	12	J. R. Dewey, "	9 00
	14	J. L. Jones, "	32 50
		A. R. Rowell, "	15 05
		G. S. Scribner, material and labor highway,	16 65
		Mrs. J. Bree, material highway,	1 35
		I. H. Morgan, labor highway,	17 00
		H. Howe, "	7 00
		T. C. Mears, "	2 10
	15	John Reagan, "	1 50
		Michael Igo, "	2 00
	16	Ed. Johnson, "	4 50
		C. Scott, "	26 75
		R. E. Payne, "	8 72
		E. J. McCann, "	17 50
		John Hanley, "	6 70
		W. Davis, "	10 00
		Jerry O'Connell, "	3 50
		Walter Fenton, "	5 25
		H. R. Clark repair road machine,	4 57
		Thomas Daley, labor highway,	3 00
	17	W. B. Prindle, "	7 00
		L. R. Fales, "	7 00
		C. E. Rogers, "	26 25
		John Holland, "	20 00
		W. Rowe, material and labor highway,	1 00
		James Bree, labor highway,	6 00
		H. Mattison, "	4 25
		G. H. Fenton, "	15 00
		Walter Metcalf, "	9 35
		R. R. Williams, material sidewalks,	19 08
	19	Thomas Bryan, labor highway,	5 25
		John Mack, "	13 00

Oct.	19	Fred W. Beebe, labor highway,	\$3 60
	22	J. H. Haynes, "	3 75
		C. Munson, "	75
	27	S. W. Remelee, "	3 75
Nov.	11	C. C. Farwell, "	15 00
	14	A. B. Ward, material and labor highway,	15 60
		George Taggart, labor highway,	15 00
	17	V. Williams, material highway,	72
	19	Auld & Conger, material and labor highway,	41 25
		Robert Oakman, labor highway,	1 50
	23	F. R. Carlton, "	15 00
	24	Daniel Spink, "	2 50
		James Larkin, "	1 50
	30	L. R. Fales, "	2 50
Dec.	12	Peter Landry, "	1 50
	17	W. S. Ward, "	7 50
	23	T. J. Briggs, material highway,	25 00
1899.			
Jan.	6	E. M. Bixby, material and labor highway,	21 64
	16	H. Ruggles estate, labor highway,	29 12
Total orders drawn by road commissioner,			\$2,664 52
The road commissioner had available for highway purposes:			
Amount in treasury last report,			\$45 18
State highway tax,			462 61
Town highway tax, less 4 per cent.,			2,305 85
			\$2,813 64

No order has yet been drawn for the services of the road commissioner.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ORDERS.

Orders drawn by school commissioners.

1898.

Feb.	18	M. E. Carlton, teaching,	\$34 00
		R. L. Wilbur, janitor,	25 00
		Mary Ward, teaching,	36 00
	19	John Cassidy, fuel,	8 00
	26	J. T. Brennan, teaching,	64 00
		John B. Williams, fuel,	6 00
		W. F. Long, teaching,	80 00
		A. M. Wilson, repairs,	21 85
March	1	Geo. M. Herrick, supplies,	4 30
		Wm. Nathaniel, supplies,	9 40
		E. J. Boyce, fuel,	12 50
		Ripley Lumber Co., repairs,	16 66
		Jerry O'Connell, transportation scholars, South Poultney, 3 years,	51 00
	3	A. E. Cushman, insurance,	66 00
		R. L. Wilbur, janitor,	25 00
		M. J. Horton, treasurer, teacher's wages,	520 57
	16	R. J. Humphrey, printing,	26 75
April	2	M. J. Horton, treasurer, for bills in March paid by him,	1,015 47
May	9	M. J. Horton, treasurer, for bills in April paid by him,	1,119 06
June	10	M. J. Horton, treasurer, for bills in May paid by him,	1,042 84
July	12	Rollin Wilbur, janitor,	25 00
	28	M. J. Horton, treas., for bills paid by him,	61 48
August	31	M. J. Horton, " " "	243 21
Oct.	1	M. J. Horton, " " "	842 31
Nov.	12	M. J. Horton, " " "	1,065 17
Dec.	15	M. J. Horton, " school bills "	957 05
	31	M. J. Horton, " " "	242 92
1899.			
Feb.	4	M. J. Horton, treas., school bills paid by him,	1,030 41

 \$8,651 95

These orders were to pay school expenses as follows:

William F. Long, teaching,	\$840 78
Miss Maggie A. Rea, teaching,	355 00
Mrs. H. G. Gorham, "	302 00
Miss Ella M. Hanna, "	340 00
Miss M. E. Carlton, "	340 00
Miss Maggie V. Owens, "	300 00
Miss Edith Jones, "	230 00
Miss Jennie Martin, "	138 00
Miss Alma Ormes, "	123 50
Miss Cornelia Bliss, "	112 00
Miss A. L. Poore, "	102 00
J. T. Brennan, "	296 00
Miss Della Farwell, "	197 00
S. C. Dorsey, "	30 00
P. P. Ford, "	60 00
Miss Edna McGrath, "	108 00
Miss Katie Bree, "	138 00
Miss Carrie McGrath, "	168 00
Miss Sarah Johnson, "	48 00
G. W. Murdock, "	295 00
Miss Lena Wood, "	130 00
Miss Kate Hanley, "	150 00
Miss Jessie Ward, "	95 00
Miss Mary L. Ward, "	216 00
Miss F. E. Hunter, "	130 00
Miss H. M. Hosford, "	136 00
Miss Alice McWithey, "	40 00
Miss Bertha Roberts, "	48 00
Miss H. G. Orr, "	60 00
Miss Flavia Oakman, "	5 00
School furniture,	119 06
Blackboards,	54 80
Books,	452 93
South Poultney school house,	721 40
Printing,	47 02
Truant officer,	4 90

Janitor,	\$342 90
Freight,	23 91
Supplies,	250 55
Transportation of scholars,	86 40
Water rent,	10 00
Repairs,	426 27
Insurance,	66 00
Fuel,	512 53
	\$8,651 95

LIQUOR AGENT'S ACCOUNT.

IRA G. FARNHAM.

Liquor on hand February, 1898,	\$341 84
Salary to March 26, 1898,	15 33
License, same time,	2 00
Liquor purchased,	26 25

CONTRA.

Paid town treasurer,	\$97 71
Liquor on hand March 26, 1898,	288 72
Profit to town,	1 01
	\$386 43 \$386 43

C. W. HUMPHREY.

Liquor received March 26, 1898, \	\$288 72
Liquor purchased since,	786 35
Freight paid,	14 87
License,	23 00
Salary to February 6, 1899,	86 11

CONTRA.

Cash paid treasurer,	\$1,016 93
Cash paid treasurer, casks,	4 75
Goods on hand,	236 50
Profit to town,	59 13
	\$1,258 18 \$1,258 18

The order drawn by the selectmen May 10, 1898, to A. W. Balch & Co. was to pay a bill contracted in September, 1897, and should not be reckoned in the past year's business.

The library trustees have sent to the auditors a report of their business and the same is appended to this report.

The liabilities to be met and resources available for paying same are as follows:

LIABILITIES.

Orders outstanding,	\$8,340 59
Interest accrued on same,	100 00
Amount required to support schools to April 1, 1899,	900 00
Unsettled claims,	800 00
	\$10,140 59

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury,	\$958 88
Due from collectors,	316 34
Liquors on hand,	236 50
Rent of school lands,	208 24
Rent town farm, about,	100 00
Interest in hands trustee,	298 33
Tuitions due,	30 00
	\$2,148 29
Excess of liabilities over available resources,	\$7,992 30

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Poultney, February 14, 1899.

F. S. PLATT,	}	Auditors.
M. COSTELLO,		
ALBERT KILBURN,		

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES,

1898-99.

Orders drawn on the treasurer of the town.

1898.

March 14	To E. H. Randall, chairman,	\$50 00
April 16	E. H. Randall, "	150 00
June 9	E. H. Randall, "	150 00
Oct. 1	E. H. Randall, "	150 00
Nov. 29	E. H. Randall, "	100 00

Total to Feb. 1, 1899,	\$600 00
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RECEIPTS.

Balance available from last year's appropriation by the town,	\$30 76
Appropriation for the current year,	600 00
Fines, deposited in bank,	18 50
Fines, used for incidental expenses,	3 80
Fines in hands of librarians,	1 98
Total,	\$655 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books purchased,	\$161 36
Periodicals, etc., for reading room,	30 20
Book cases,	6 03
Salaries of librarians to Feb. 1, 1899,	160 08
Rent to same date,	106 00
Repairing books, rebinding, etc.,	39 05
Fuel and lights,	45 03
Caring for fire, etc.,	8 00

Stationery and printing,	\$13 15	
Insurance,	8 90	
Sundries,	25 00	
		\$602 80
Balance available Feb. 1, 1899,		\$52 24
This \$52.24 is made up of:		
Balance on deposit in bank Feb. 1, 1899,		\$50 26
Balance of fine money in hands of librarians,		1 98
		\$52 24

During the past year books to the number of 232 volumes have been purchased; 39 volumes have been given by private parties; 46 by the United States, making a net gain of 317 volumes, and—including 120 volumes held in trust from Joyce post of the G. A. R.,—a total of 2,098 volumes in the library at this date.

The number of patrons up to date has been 1,026, an increase of 90 during the year, and the number of books loaned since Feb. 1, 1898, is 10,369—an average loan per month of 864.

The smallest monthly circulation was 570 in May; the largest was 1,204 in March.

Your trustees take pleasure in being able to make a favorable report of the growth and usefulness of the library.

It was opened June 1, 1895, with a small, but well selected number of books, and at once gave promise of the popularity which it was destined to attain. Steadily it has grown in magnitude until, (as will be seen above), it now numbers 2,098 volumes, selected with due care to the needs of our people. That it is appreciated by an increasingly large number of readers is manifest from the report of statistics given above. That the number of loans has been so well kept up is due to the habit of reading good books, even though the exciting literature of a period of active war was constantly tempting most people to itself. The cheap newspaper, with its illustrations to catch the eye, was for several months during the year, a strong competitor for the library's patrons. It was so, if reported correctly, in many parts of the

country. And yet our people may regard with pardonable pride the fact that, in spite of this competition, the loans from the library have been during the year just closed 10,369 ; for it shows that many of their number have been doing a very creditable amount of good reading, and are thirsting for that which not only amuses, but instructs, elevates and refines.

E. H. RANDALL,	} Library Trustees.
HENRY LANE,	
F. W. SPALDING,	
JOSEPH MEARS,	





WARNING!

The legal voters in Town Meetings of the town of Poultney are hereby warned to meet in Village Hall, in said Poultney, on Tuesday, the 7th day of March, A. D. 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to transact the following business:

- 1st. To elect town officers for the year ensuing.
 - 2nd. To elect a member of the Board of School Directors for the term of three years, to succeed F. S. Platt whose term expires.
 - 3rd. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the proper observance of Memorial day.
 - 4th. To see if the town will vote a tax on the grand list of the town to pay its indebtedness and provide for the expenses of the town for the year ensuing.
 - 5th. To see if the town will exempt from taxation the polls of members of Poultney Hose Co., No. 1.
 - 6th. To see if the town will vote an appropriation to support the Public Library for the year ensuing.
 - 7th. To see if the town will vote to erect a Town Hall on the site lately conveyed to the town for that purpose; to appoint a building committee to take charge of the erection of such Town Hall.
 - 8th. To see if the town will vote an appropriation for the erection of such Town Hall.
 - 9th. To see if the town will vote to issue its negotiable bonds for the purpose of funding the present indebtedness of the town and also for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall on the said site; to determine what amount of bonds shall be issued; the denomination thereof, the rate of interest thereon; whether such bonds shall be registered or coupon, and when and where the principal and interest shall be paid.
 - 10th. To see if the town will vote to sell the town farm and appoint an agent to sell and deed the same.
 - 11th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the School Directors to purchase a lot in old school district No. 4, and erect a new school building thereon, and to sell or otherwise dispose of the old school house and lot in said district, and to see if the town will make an appropriation to pay for said lot and building.
 - 12th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the County Commissioner of Rutland County to revoke the license of the Town Liquor Agent of the town of Poultney.
 - 13th. To do any other proper and necessary business.
- Poultney, Vt., Feb. 21, 1899.

A. J. ROGERS,	} of the Town of
E. M. BIXBY,	
I. G. BLISS,	
	Poultney.